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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION FOR THE URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana is very tardy and even the ministry has not been able to spent the allocated amount under SJSRY fully;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has undertaken to modify the existing guidelines for this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and time by which these guidelines are likely to be finalized;

(e) the extent to which the modified guidelines are likely to help urban poor to get employment and steps taken or being taken to utilize the allocated amount within stipulated time in consultation with State Governments;and

(f) other schemes of employment generation for the urban poor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The allocations under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) have been fully utilized by the Ministry during the last three years.

(c)&(d): During the course of implementation of the scheme,it was observed that the guidelines of the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) need modification to make it more focused and effective in tackling the needs of urban poor.Accordingly proposals have been prepared for revising the guidelines of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) will focus on self employment of urban poor with entrepreneurial and other support through Micro Business Centres and also on high quality skill upgradation of the urban poor.As per prescribed procedure,the proposal for revision of the guidelines will be placed before the competent authority for approval in due course of time.

(e): It is expected that the revised Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) will effectively help the urban poor in setting up enterprises and also getting high quality skill training so that they can earn enough to run their family decently and rise above the poverty line.Ministry has already pressed upon States/UTs to gear up the machinery for effective implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and utilize the funds released to them under the scheme.

(f): Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is the only urban poverty alleviation scheme targeting exclusively the urban poor living below poverty line.